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SUBJ: MASS MEETING AT UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA

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1. STUDENTS HELD 5000-STRONG RALLY AT UNIV. MALAYA (UM) MORNING DEC. 11, BUT ACTIVISTS CONTINUED TO BE CONFINED TO CAMPUS. OTHER THAN DAILY DEMOS AT UM, SITUATION ON CAMPUS IS CALM BUT CLASSES FOR MOST PART HAVE NOT RESUMED. AT PRESENT, THERE NO CLEAR INDICATION OF STRATEGY STUDENTS INTEND TO PURSUE IN KEEPING UP ANTI-GOVT PROTESTS, BUT MEETINGS AMONG FACULTY AND STUDENTS HAVE ENGENDERED BROAD SUPPORT AT UM FOR RELEASE OF THOSE DETAINED LAST WEEK-END (KL 5846). POLICE FIELD FORCE (PFF) CONTINUES TO CONTAIN STUDENTS ON CAMPUS.

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2. IN INTERVIEW WITH "WASHINGTON POST" CORRESPONDENT DEC. 10,

HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER GHAZALI SHAFIE TOOK HARD LAW AND ORDER
LINE, SAYING THAT GOVT FEARED THAT STUDENT DEMOS OFF CAMPUS
COULD TRIGGER RACIAL INCIDENTS. AT SAME TIME, GHAZALI GAVE
NO INDICATION THAT GOM PREPARED TO DEAL WITH STUDENTS ON MERITS
OF THEIR GRIEVANCES. CORRESPONDENT WAS TOLD THAT GOM WILL
ISSUE "WHITE PAPER" IN 10 DAYS OR SO DETAILING ALLEGED LINKS
BETWEEN STUDENT LEADERS AND COMMUNISTS. GHAZALI ALSO SAID
THAT GOM "IN TOUCH WITH NEW STUDENT
LEADERS" AT UM, RAISING POSSIBILITY THAT GOVT MAY ATTEMPT
TO SPLIT STUDENT MOVEMENT AND BLUNT CAMPUS PROTESTS.
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